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In re:

U.S. Application of: Sumiyo TANAKA
For: IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE
SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING
PROGRAM
Confirmation No.: 8382
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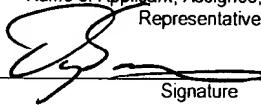
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RESPONSE

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